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Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO MAY 8, 2002 RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

An Office Action was issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on May 8, 2002 requiring restriction of the claims in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the May 8, 2002 Office Action is due June 8, 2002. Accordingly, this amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1 and 3 without prejudice.

Please add new claim 4 and amend claim 2 under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.121(c). A marked-up version of claim 2 is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.